



*South Carolina
American Revolution
Bicentennial Commission*

Purpose and Organization

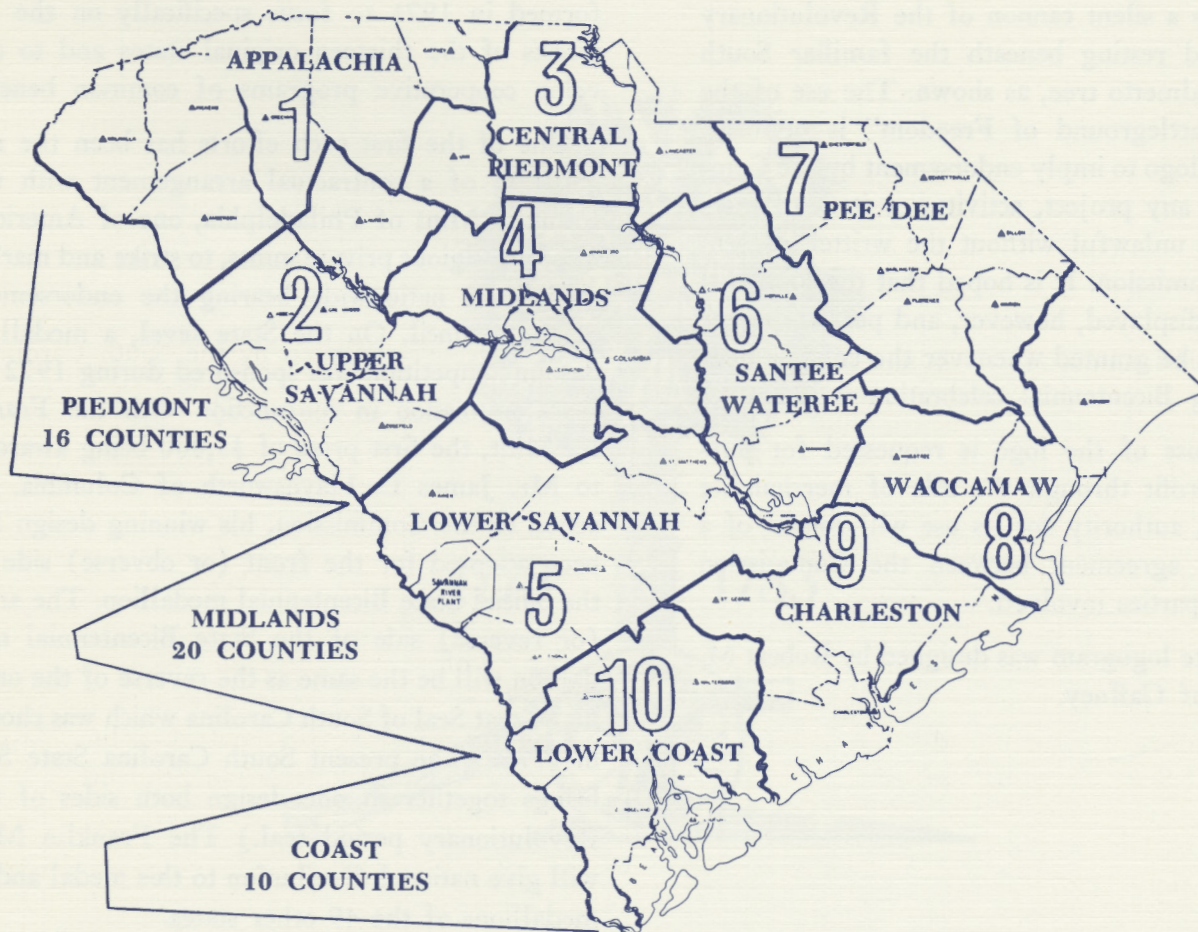
The South Carolina American Revolution Bicentennial Commission was established by the State Legislature in 1971. The thirteen-member body was created to insure that appropriate efforts will be made at the state level to stimulate and excite active interest throughout South Carolina in properly celebrating the two hundredth anniversary of the Revolution and the founding of the Nation.

Legislation which created the Commission requires that staff support for Commission activities be provided by the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism and by the Department of Archives and History. Director of the Commission staff is consequently an officer of the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism and staff members are employees of that department. Likewise, the heads of the two established agencies are, by law, executive officers of the Bicentennial Commission. Thus a close working relationship between key departments is insured and the funding of an additional State agency is avoided.

The Program Structure

The objectives adopted by the South Carolina Bicentennial Commission comprise three major themes which are consistent with those recommended for the Nation by the national American Revolution Bicentennial Administration:

1. HERITAGE—The Heritage theme is designed to stimulate South Carolinians to become more aware of our State's role in the Revolution. An effort will also be directed toward the Nation as a whole to inform the American people of the great part South Carolina played in securing our country's independence.
2. FESTIVAL—The Festival emphasis will encourage people of South Carolina, the Nation, and the world to visit our Revolutionary War sites and attractions and to participate in numerous commemorative events and celebrations.
3. HORIZONS '76—This theme will project dramatic new horizons of social, educational, and economic achievement to the end that the hopes and dreams embodied in the spirit of the Revolution may be better realized by every South Carolinian.



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Regional Planning Offices

Localities should submit projects to the SCARBC through their respective Regional Planning District offices.

The Official Logo

The official symbol, or logo, of the Commission depicts a silent cannon of the Revolutionary War period resting beneath the familiar South Carolina palmetto tree, as shown. The use of the phrase "Battleground of Freedom" is optional. Use of the logo to imply endorsement by the Commission of any project, activity, or item of merchandise is unlawful without the written consent of the Commission. It is hoped that the logo will be widely displayed, however, and permission for its use will be granted whenever the enhancement of a fitting Bicentennial celebration is indicated.

Where use of the logo is requested for purposes of profit through the sale of merchandise or services, authority for its use will consist of a contractual agreement between the Commission and other parties involved.

The State logogram was designed by Robert M. Maxwell of Gaffney.

Inter-State Relations

The State of South Carolina is represented on the Bicentennial Council of the Thirteen Original States through the Commission. The Bicenten-

nial Council is an independent group which was formed in 1971 to focus specifically on the interests of the thirteen original states and to develop cooperative programs of common benefit.

One of the first such efforts has been the negotiating of a contractual arrangement with the Franklin Mint of Philadelphia, one of America's most prestigious private mints, to strike and market medallions nationwide bearing the endorsement of the Council. On the State level, a medallion design competition was sponsored during 1972 by the Commission in conjunction with the Franklin Mint, the first prize of \$5,000 being awarded to Mr. James L. Haynsworth of Columbia. By action of the Commission, his winning design has been adopted for the front (or obverse) side of the official State Bicentennial medallion. The arms (or reverse) side of the State Bicentennial medallion will be the same as the reverse of the original Great Seal of South Carolina which was chosen in 1776. (The present South Carolina State Seal brings together in one design both sides of the Revolutionary period seal.) The Franklin Mint will give national distribution to this medal and to medallions of the 49 other states.

The South Carolina American Revolution Bicentennial Commission has been officially represented at all meetings of the Council since its organization and is an active participant in the decision-making process. Liaison with other states throughout the Nation on matters of Bicentennial interest is a continuing and growing activity of the Commission.



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“BATTLEGROUND OF FREEDOM”

Historic Sites

The Commission is aware that South Carolina's eminence as the literal "Battleground of Freedom" during the American Revolution has not been adequately recognized by the citizenry of the Nation. A majority of the battles of the American Revolution were fought on the soil of South Carolina. The Commission will encourage efforts to preserve, restore and properly advertise to the traveling public our many areas and sites of historical interest as they relate to the Revolution.

The Commission believes that the development and maintenance of most historic points of interest can best be accomplished through local initiative and effort and will support those efforts to the limit of its available resources. Three classic and inspiring examples of local initiative are Historic Camden, Star Fort at Ninety Six, and Walnut Grove Plantation near Spartanburg.

On the national level, the Commission has actively supported federal legislation providing for the Cowpens National Battlefield which was passed by Congress with the strong support of South Carolina's Congressional Delegation and signed into law by President Nixon in July, 1972. The Commission is also supporting the development of Fort Moultrie in Charleston Harbor

which is already owned by the federal government and the development of a Eutaw Springs National Battlefield. It is interesting to note that of the six battles of the American Revolution which were honored by the Continental Congress by the presentation of medals in honor of the victory, two are in South Carolina—Cowpens and Eutaw Springs.

Cowpens National Battlefield, Eutaw Springs, and Fort Moultrie, together with Kings Mountain, will give South Carolina four historic sites of great national significance which will be administered by the federal government. At present, Kings Mountain draws over 30,000 visitors a month.

On the state level, the Commission is actively supporting the restoration of the Exchange Building in Charleston, one of the most historic buildings in the Nation.

It is believed that through a cooperative effort involving the federal government, state agencies, and county organizations, our great historic sites in South Carolina can be restored and developed so that people of today and of succeeding generations will have the opportunity to know and to appreciate them.



Displays and Exhibits

Existing and planned exhibition centers, historic parks and museums, including state and local parks, will be requested to have displays relating to South Carolina's role in the Revolution and in the founding of the Nation.

Visual and Performing Arts

The Commission in cooperation with the South Carolina Arts Commission will encourage a variety of activities to stimulate creative expression in the fields of visual and performing arts. A key objective will be the encouragement and development of available talent within South Carolina through the public and private schools, and through colleges and universities throughout the State. Consideration will be given to the granting of honoraria and prizes, if such are available, for the creation and production of musical compositions, plays and works of art dealing with South Carolina and the Bicentennial of the American Revolution.

Commemorative Items

The Commission recognizes that commemorative objects can serve a worthwhile purpose in stimulating interest in the American Revolution and the part which South Carolina played. It will give its endorsement to activities, projects, and commemorative items which most appropriately serve to further the Commission's objectives. While the Commission may realize some financial benefit through royalties and the like, no large

revenues are anticipated from such sources and any funds so derived will be used to implement suitable Bicentennial activities.

Commemorative Postage Stamps

The Commission has passed a resolution requesting commemorative postage stamps in honor of five great legendary heroes of the Revolution: General Francis Marion, "The Swamp Fox"; Sergeant William Jasper, the hero of Fort Moultrie who gave his life at Savannah; Count Casimir Pulaski, the Polish patriot who was killed at Savannah; General Baron DeKalb of Germany, who came with Marquis de La Fayette, offered his services to America and was killed at the Battle of Camden; and Francis Salvador who was killed near Ninety Six. It is interesting to note that seventeen states have a county named for Marion, eight states have a county named for Jasper, seven states have a county named for Pulaski, and six states have a county named for DeKalb. Francis Salvador was the first member of the Jewish faith elected to a parliamentary body in the western world, he being elected to the South Carolina General Assembly in 1776. He was also the first member of his faith to give his life for the cause of American independence. It is the Commission's hope that during the Bicentennial Era a series of commemorative stamps will be issued in honor of various heroines and heroes of the Revolution and major events in the history of the creation of our nation.

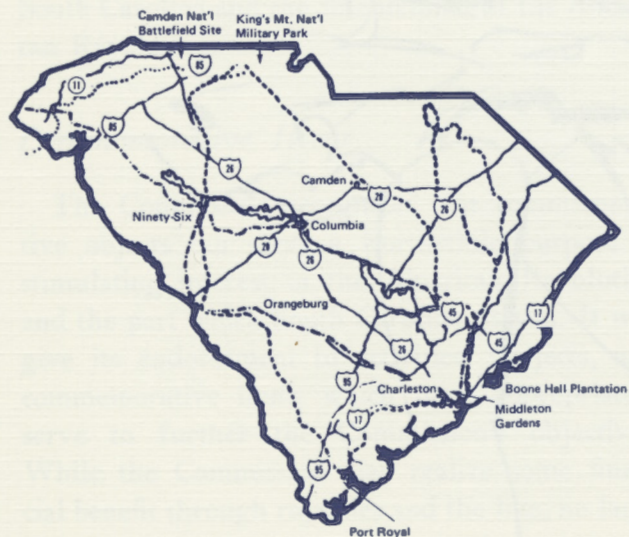


Welcome Centers, Trails, Auto Tags

The Commission will encourage full utilization of the State's official Highway Welcome Centers as a means of promoting the Bicentennial attractions of South Carolina.

Special emphasis will be given to the Historic Trails developed by the Department of Archives and History, particularly the George Washington and Liberty Trails which relate to the Revolution.

The Commission will explore with the Highway Department the feasibility of placing on automobile license tags an appropriate phrase such as "Battleground of Freedom" identifying South Carolina's role in the Revolution. The Department has agreed to incorporate a Bicentennial theme in its official highway maps prior to and during the official period of the observance.



Television, Radio, and Motion Pictures

The Commission is cooperating with the South Carolina Educational Television network and plans intensive liaison with commercial television and radio stations throughout the state to encourage the production and presentation of programs with Bicentennial significance. A short informational film is contemplated in order to thoroughly apprise the public of the significance of the Bicentennial celebration. It is planned for the film to be completed and widely distributed to clubs and organizations.

Vacation Reading Program, 1974-75

The State Library and the Commission have agreed on an arrangement whereby the State Library will sponsor the American Patriot Reading Club during the summer vacation periods of 1974 and 1975 to acquaint South Carolina school children with the story of the Revolution and the meaning of the Bicentennial. It is anticipated that more than 80,000 children will be enrolled and will receive recognition of their accomplishments through the awarding of certificates, buttons, and other appropriate acknowledgments. The Commission will provide needed funding assistance from sources other than state appropriation and is persuaded that this unique and original program will be enthusiastically received by young children throughout South Carolina.



Financial Status

Members of the Commission receive no salary; and Commission members who are not employed by the State receive only a nominal per diem payment as prescribed by law when attending official functions of the Commission. Staff work is done by employees of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism and the Department of Archives and History. Limited funds to cover necessary operational expenses—for example, stationery, printing, informational materials, public hearings, etc., and to make possible certain funding assistance to South Carolina's ten Regional Planning Districts—have been received from federal sources, and from certain royalties accruing to the Commission through its membership in the Bicentennial Council of the Thirteen Original States, and from royalty arrangements worked out by the Commission with a private minting firm.

Local Effort is the Key to Success

It shall be the policy of the Commission to encourage the widest possible public participation in Bicentennial-related programs and activities.

Just as the ultimate success of the American Revolution stemmed from the determination of our Founding Fathers to decide their own destinies, so it is the deep conviction of the Commission that a successful and rewarding Bicentennial observance in South Carolina will take root and bloom to full flower from the creative efforts and initiative of our own people in their various communities throughout the state.

The Commission has secured the cooperation of the state's ten Regional Planning Districts to facilitate the task of planning and coordinating Bicentennial activities. A map of the Regional Planning Districts is shown on page 1. Individuals seeking information and guidance on the development of Bicentennial ideas or projects should contact the appropriate Regional Office, or

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abbreviation, S.C.ARBC)

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The Commission is determined to develop the South Carolina Bicentennial celebration as a true citizens effort in which all the people participate. Through the use of existing activities, the Commission has established a working contact with more than thirty major statewide organizations including historic societies, patriotic groups, garden clubs, veterans' organizations, news media associations, youth groups, and others.

Summary

In conclusion, it should be stated that the members of the Commission are grateful to Governor John C. West, Lt. Governor Earle E. Morris, the members of South Carolina's Congressional Delegation and the members of the South Carolina General Assembly for their active support and interest. The Commission would also like to express its appreciation to all those individuals from across South Carolina and the country who have generously offered their help.



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